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1. ABDERRAHIM BOUABID, SECRETARY GENERAL OF MOROCCAN OPPOSITION PARTY, SOCIALIST UNION OF POPULAR FORCES (USFP), VISITED DAKAR AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN CONNECTION WITH SENEGALESE LEADER'S CURRENT INITIATIVES ON SPANISH SAHARA (REFTEL). BOUABID MET WITH SENGHOR OVER PAST WEEKEND AND HELD PRESS CONFERENCE OCT 22 AT MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN DAKAR.

2. ACCORDING LOCAL MEDIA BOUABID TOLD PRESS THAT SENGHOR WAS PREPARED, ON BASES OF EQUITY AND RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, TO FIND PEACEFUL WAY TO RESOLVE SPANISH SAHARA CONFLICT, TO SEE INTERESTS AT STAKE AND WAYS OF RECONCILING THEM. BOUABID REPORTEDLY NOTED THAT SENGHOR HAD ALREADY MADE MANY EFFORTS IN THAT

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DIRECTION, SAID SENEGALESE LEADER HAD GIVEN HIM IMPRESSION HE HAD

INTENTION TO MAKE NEW EFFORTS, AND SUGGESTED THAT SENGHOR'S CIRCUIT OF ARAB COUNTRIES BEGINNING OCT 25 WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLVING SITUATION. BOUABID SAID SENEGAL'S POSITION PERMITTED IT TO INTERVENE EFFECTIVELY IN SEARCH FOR PEACE.

3. STRESSING MOROCCO'S NON-EXPANSIONIST ATTITUDE AND ITS OPENESS TO DIALOGUE, BOUABID REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN ENTENTE, BUT REGRETTED HOSTILE ALGERIAN ATTITUDE. BOUABID WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE NOT OPPOSED TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN SAHARA ON CONDITION IT WAS NOT FALSIFIED. ACCOUNTS OF BOUABID'S REMARKS DID NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO MARCH INTO SAHARA, BUT QUOTED OPPOSITION LEADER AS DECLARING HIMSELF COMPLETELY IN ACCORD WITH MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT ON AFFIRMING MOROCCAN RIGHTS IN SAHARA. AGGREY

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